

To: The Hon. Melinda Harmon
Re: Appointment of new co-counsel
Case: Fratta v. Stephens, 4:13-cv-03438

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Co-counsel Melissa Franklin is withdrawing due to being hired in Atlanta as staff counsel for the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. I have already written remaining attorney James Rytting about his filing a motion requesting new co-counsel being appointed, but have not heard from him in several months. He did come to visit several of his other 6 clients here at Polunsky Unit, but keeps showing he does not have time for me - as I've complained about in the past. It appears from past conversations with him, and his amended petition, that he didn't even read the Answer filed by the State to my co-defendant Howard Guidry's writ back in November of 2015.

I really need co-counsel appointed so I have another attorney to consult with, and who can help assure pleadings get read, filed, and corrected when necessary. Mr Rytting also needs co-counsel appointed since he's too busy for me.

There are a handful of attorneys on the CJA list I have **some** form of **conflict** with; such as: Philip Hilder, Patrick McCann, Vivian King, Kurt Wentz, Edward Mallet, and possibly Gerald Bierbaum, Jerome Godinich, Gerald Borque, Thomas Allen Martin, Tyrone Moncriffe, Mervin Mosbacker, & Don Vernay.

Following are attorneys I do **NOT** have any conflict with and feel would be **GOOD** appointments who show as doing appellate work on the CJA listing I have:

1) George Michael DeGeurin, Jr., 2) Kent A. Schaffer, 3) Nicole DeBorde, 4) Cynthia J. Cline, 5) Windi Akins Pastorini, 6) Georgette Oden, 7) Margaret Schmucker, and 8) Stephen Randall. I am unfamiliar with the remaining attorneys listed as doing appellate work on the CJA list, but have no known conflicts with them. I do know that DeGeurin had contacted Mr Rytting (&/or Mr Hilder) a while back after I had written him, but don't think any of the other 7 I listed ever did.

Please appoint new co-counsel to my case right away so I have someone to consult with, and who can assist Mr Rytting and oversee that things get done effectively and zealously for me.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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